

THE ERA OF THE WILD CAT

When Banks of Issue Bloomed and Scattered Bills Broadcast. EX-CONGRESSMAN PUSEY'S RECOLLECTIONS

An Instructive Address on the Risks and Reminiscences of Pioneer Banking—Financial Legislation Also Touched Upon. Hon. W. H. M. Pusey, ex-congressman and banker of Council Bluffs, delivered the following address before the Bankers Association in that city last Wednesday.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Association: The period immediately subsequent to the discovery of gold in California is known as the "golden era" of American finance. Within less than a decade the native product of gold was in excess of \$600,000,000, a sum equal to the estimated volume now in the entire country. The sudden craze to be rich stimulated immigration from all lands to the new gold fields.

The Mexican soldier had tarried long enough with us to place his pension, in the form of a military land-warrant, upon our virgin prairies, the commencement of the happy homes and rich farms of our now beloved and prosperous commonwealth.

The people of Council Bluffs stood in one of the pathways of this wondrous exodus. Its reflex influence did very much to give to our western states and territories a healthful and permanent population.

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The Inevitable Collapse. Prosperous Iowa, now rejoicing in conscious strength and an assured future, was prostrated and utterly helpless under its exhausting effect. Far removed from the seaboard, with no railroad communication with the markets of the country, agriculture paralyzed, labor unremunerative, our people simply existing under forced frugality.

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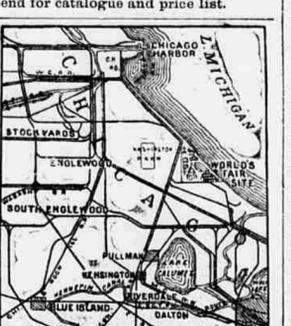
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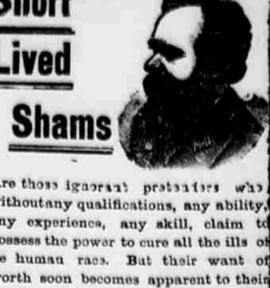
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